

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall

Attending: Trevor Mackie, Mary Ellen Banks, Cheryl Handsaker, Ken Hall

Missing: Bob Handsaker, Doug White

Guests: Carol Rice

Meeting called to order at 7:28.

1. Approval of minutes

- a. Minutes for 5/30 approved unanimously with 1 abstention.

2. Report on MBI/EOHED, Comcast, and other local meetings that are not design specific

- a. Add any information from the Bill Ennen call
 - i. Charlemont had frustration for WG&E not wrapping up key items
 - ii. Discussed EOHED letter received
 - 1. Must be on the public right of way, utility right of way is different but would be included as the public right of way.
 - 2. Driveways will not be included (service poles to one home)
 - 3. Addition of new utility poles will most likely be covered as make-ready
 - 4. Additional 45M, has the money that the state has given to the cable companies? Bill believes that existing cable company contracts are from the MBI 11M.
 - 5. We have a freeze for all new spending from our EOHED.
 - 6. Next quarterly due in July.
- b. EOHED Letter review
 - i. Case-by-case basis, but this does not clarify what would be covered.
 - ii. Service poles are needed to insure take rate.
 - iii. Concern about the timeframe for responding to the specific questions?

3. Status update on WG+E pole walkout and network design

- a. Recommendation for invoicing
 - i. No update
- b. Status update on mapping
 - i. No update
- c. Status update on design
 - i. No update
- d. Status of the make-ready reimbursement guidelines
 - i. Letter received and discussed. No recommendation at this time.

4. Discussion and recommendation of committee nominee

- a. ACTION TAKEN: Recommend we nominate to the Selectboard Bill Tucci for the open seat on the Broadband Committee- Unanimous.

Next meeting: June 13

Meeting adjourned: 8:06